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MEDIUM.

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that the above identified application is being withdrawn from issue pursuant to 37 CFR 1.313.

The application is being withdrawn to permit reopening of prosecution, because the application contains at least one claim that is unpatentable.

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